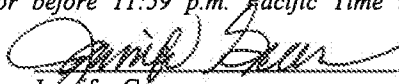


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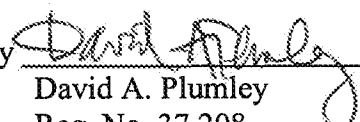
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In response to the Office action of March 6, 2009, applicant elects the Group I invention directed to a polymer and represented by claims 1-22. This election is made with traverse. Applicant submits that a search for both the polymers and the methods for making such polymers would not place an undue burden on the examiner.

Turning to the restriction of species, applicant elects the species where each of X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>3</sub> is an electron pair, and Y is styrene. Applicant submits that claim 20 reads on the elected species for X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>3</sub> and claim 7 reads on the elected species for Y. Applicant further submits that claims 1-5 and 9-19 are generic to all species.

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